



Public Notice

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Reply To:
U.S. Army Corps of Engineers
Attn: CEMVS-CO-F
1222 Spruce Street
St. Louis, MO 63103-2833

Public Notice No.

P-2417

Public Notice Date

May 10, 2004

Expiration Date

May 24, 2004

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File Number: 2004002240

Interested parties are hereby notified that a request has been received for a Department of the Army, Section 10 Rivers and Harbors Act permit, to install four mooring points and periodically moor excursion vessels along the old Alton Lock and Dam wall, see attached map and drawing.

COMMENTS AND ADDITIONAL INFORMATION: Comments on the described work should reference the U.S. Army Corps of Engineers File Number shown above and must reach this office no later than the above expiration date (**May 28, 2004**) to become part of the record and be considered in the decision. Comments should be mailed to the following address:

U.S. Army Corps of Engineers
ATTN: CO-F (Charles Frerker)
1222 Spruce Street
St. Louis, Missouri 63103-2833

APPLICANT: City of Alton, Mr. Phil Rogio, Director of Development and Housing, 101 East Third Street, Room 204, Alton, Illinois 62002, (618) 463-3533.

LOCATION: The project site is located along the remnant portions of the old Alton Lock and Dam wall, which is situated along the left descending bank of the Mississippi River at approximate River Mile 202.7, in Alton, Madison County, Illinois (See Location Map).

PROJECT DESCRIPTION: The applicant requests permission to install four anchor points on the remnant portions of the old Alton Lock and Dam to facilitate the periodic landing/mooring of the Delta Queen and Mississippi Queen excursion boats. The Delta Queen would bring 230 passengers and the Mississippi Queen 640 passengers to Alton four to eight times a year with a length of stay varying from 5 to 24 hours. A portable stage would be used to board passengers. The Delta Queen measures 240-feet in length and would extend approximately 60-feet wide riverward of the old lock wall while the Mississippi Queen measures 390-feet in length and would extend approximately 70 feet riverward of the old lock wall. The vessels wouldn't be in the area at the same time, but would occupy the same temporary mooring location (See Attached Drawing).

ADDITIONAL INFORMATION: Additional information may be obtained by contacting Charles Frerker, Rivers Project Manager, U.S. Army Corps of Engineers at (314) 331-8583 or at electronic mail address: ***charles.frerker@mvs02.usace.army.mil***

AUTHORITY: This permit will be processed under the provisions of Section 10 of the Rivers and Harbors Act of 1899 (33 U.S.C. 403).

PUBLIC HEARING: Any person may request, in writing, within the comment period specified in this notice, that a public hearing be held to consider this application. Request for public hearings shall state, with particularity, the reasons for holding the public hearing.

ENDANGERED SPECIES: The proposed project is within the range of the endangered Indiana bat (**Myotis sodalis**), Gray bat (**Myotis grisescens**), and the threatened Bald eagle (**Haliaeetus leucocephalus**). A preliminary determination, in compliance with the Endangered Species Act as amended, has been made that the proposed activity is not likely to affect species designated as threatened or endangered, or adversely affect critical habitat. In order to complete our evaluation, written comments are solicited by this public notice from the U.S. Fish and Wildlife Service and other interested agencies and individuals.

CULTURAL RESOURCES: The St. Louis District will evaluate information provided by the State Historic Preservation Officer and the public in response to this public notice and we may conduct, or require a reconnaissance survey of the project area.

EVALUATION: The decision whether to issue a permit will be based on an evaluation of the probable impact including cumulative impacts of the described activity on the public interest. That decision will reflect the national concern for both protection and utilization of important resources. The benefit that may reasonably be expected to accrue from the described activity must be balanced against its reasonably foreseeable detriments. All factors, which may be relevant to the described activity will be considered including the cumulative effects thereof; among those are conservation, economics, aesthetics, general environmental concerns, wetlands, historic properties, fish and wildlife values, flood hazards, flood plain values, land use, navigation, shoreline erosion, and accretion, recreation, water supply and conservation, water quality, energy needs, safety, food and fiber production, mineral needs, consideration of property ownership and, in general, the needs and welfare of the people.

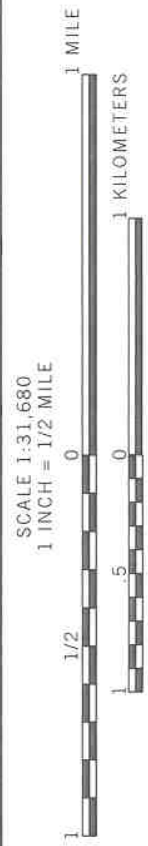
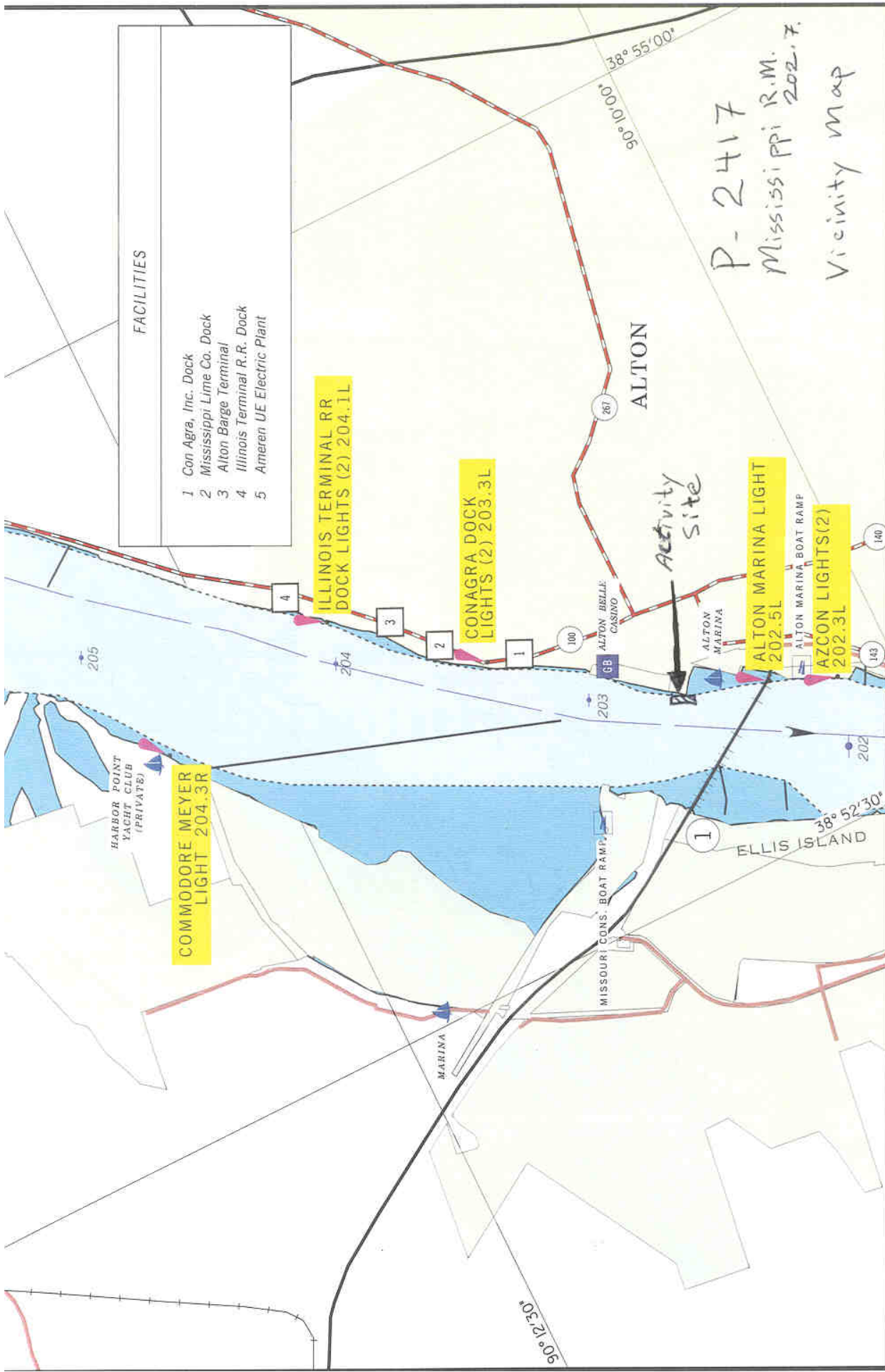
The U.S. Army Corps of Engineers is soliciting comments from the public; Federal, state, and local agencies and officials; Indian Tribes; and other interested parties in order to consider and evaluate the impacts of these proposed activities. Any comments received will be considered by the U.S. Army Corps of Engineers to determine whether to issue, modify, condition or deny a permit for this proposal. To make this decision, comments are used to assess impacts on endangered species, historic properties, water quality, general environmental effects, and other public interest factors listed above. Comments are used in the preparation of an Environmental Assessment and/or an Environmental Impact Statement pursuant to the National Environmental Policy Act. Comments are also used to determine the need for a public hearing and to determine the overall public interest of the proposed activity.

Danny D. McClendon, Chief
Regulatory Branch

Attachments

NOTICE TO POSTMASTERS:

It is requested that this notice be conspicuously and continually placed for 15 days from the date of issuance of this notice. The public notice comment period expires on **May 28, 2004.**



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Mississippi R.M. 202.7.
Vicinity map

Mississippi R.M. 202.7
City of Alton

